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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for San Diego Bay Aquaculture Planning Study for fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Port of San Diego (Port), located at 3165 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101.

The funding would be used for a planning study to design aquaculture facilities that can provide seawater intake and discharge systems, including filtration and other recirculating aquaculture technology that can support upstream hatchery and nurseries, grow-out, and the downstream processing, depuration, and distribution facilities for various types of aquaculture businesses.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Port is the state-legislated trustee of tidelands and submerged waters in and around San Diego Bay. Supporting sustainable aquaculture and Port-related blue technology and innovation assists the Port in fulfilling its public trust responsibility to promote navigation, fisheries, commerce, and recreation, as well as aligning with its mission to enhance and protect the environment. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 16 U.S.C. § 1451 (f).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress